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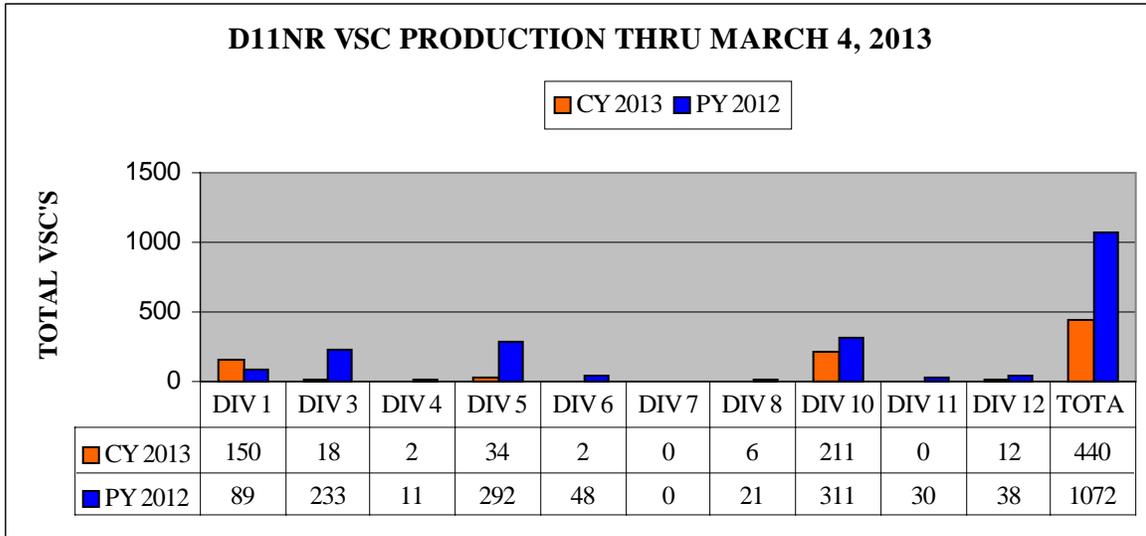


## Vessel Safety Check Report March 2013

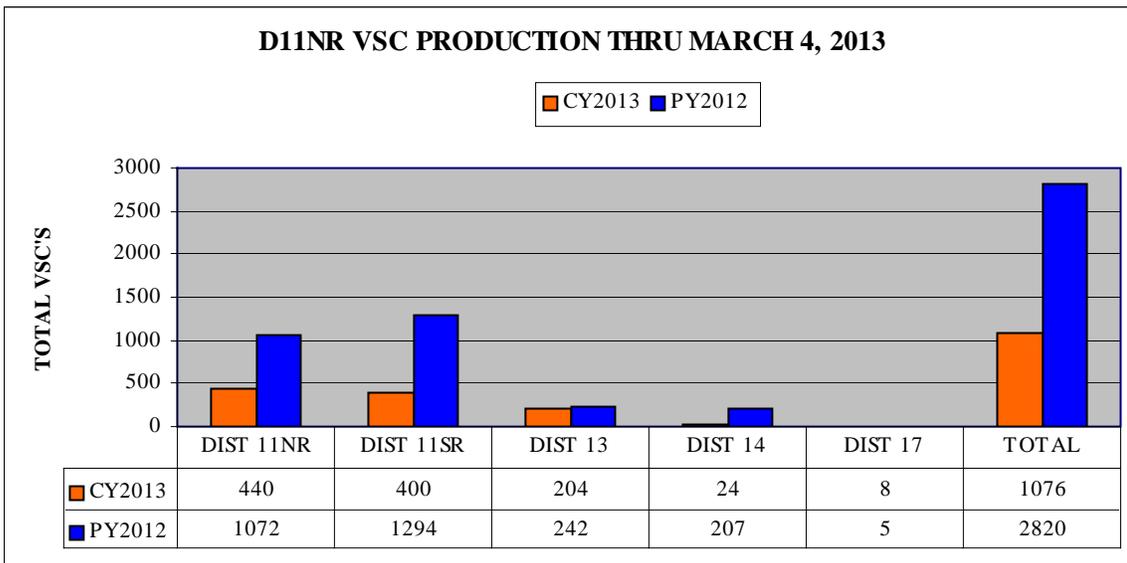


**Mike Lauro DSO-VE**  
**Phil Grove ADSO-VE      Jan Jewell ADSO-VE/CS**

### D11NR Statistics\*



### PAC AREA Statistics\*



The 2013 goal for D11NR is 12,500 VSC's. We are 3.5% of our goal and 41% of 2012 production. Stats from AUXINFO\* indicate that 71% or 355 have passed, 102 or 23% are First Time VSC's, and 227 or 51% are High Risk VSC's. In addition, 33 VSC's or 7% are paddlecraft VSC's. The data source is AUXINFO\*.

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru March 4, 2013

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following examiners who have recently achieved the 20 or more VSC plateau during 2013:

Richard A. Saber	01-02	William W. Burns	01-07
Michael J. Lauro	10-02	Neil P. Sliva	10-05
Arturo Alvarez Jr.	10-06		

This brings our total to 5 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately 1.5% the total District vessel examiner base. 2012 had 13 examiners or 4% at this time. Please check the D11NR Vessel Examiner recognition site:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html> for your name! It is also accessible from the D11NR Vessel Examiner site: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>.

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following members who have recently completed part 1 of the Vessel Examiner qualification at the February PCA Training Fair! Please assist them ASAP in completing their qualification at a local VSC outing.

David Beach	01-04	James Blaylock	05-03
Patricia Davis	08-06	Robert Doyle	01-02
Maria Goodavage	01-02	Charlie Knapper	10-02
Gabriela Kolinski	12-01	Sean Malloy	05-02
William Singleton	10-02	Dean Tanaka	01-09
Dustin Todd	03-05	Bill Tsai	04-03

### Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

No new or re-certified members.

#### **\*Re-Certified**

With the addition of new examiners for 2012, our examiner base is now 302 active examiners! This represents about % of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

### VSC Calendar

D/Train-Monterey March 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

National Safe Boating Week May 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2013

Inland Lake Blitz-June 1<sup>st</sup>

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following member(s) who have recently achieved the coveted **Recreational Boating Safety Device (RBS)**. These members are part of elite group-58 members or approximately 5% of our D11NR membership who have dedicated 2-years to achieve this recognition! Check to see if your name is listed on the member recognition page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/recognition.html>

Dennis Kerhulas	03-10
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## National and District News

### National News

-From a Recent National Report:

"The National average number of Vessel Safety Checks per vessel examiner for 2012 was approximately 20 VSC's, which is consistent with 2011. D11NR continued to lead the nation with the average of 38 per examiner (7-years in a row-Mike)!

Of the four top VSC performers nationwide conducting more than 1,000 VSC's, number two and three came from D11NR! They were Mike Lauro, with 1,054 VSC's and Bill Dodson with 1,046 VSC's! Finally, D11NR produced 21% of ALL VSC's performed nationwide!" A GREAT TEAM effort!

-"Questions about Boating Issues? We have the answers. The Coast Guard Auxiliary National Directorate of Vessel Examinations has a division staffed with a team of knowledgeable professionals explicitly for the purpose of answering your boating questions. From the Vessel Examination & Partner Visitation web site at:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT>

go to the "Job Aid Kits" link from the menu on the left and select "Member Q&A" link. Log into the Member Zone and then select "Ask Question.

This forum is open to all, be it Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Examiners or recreational boaters. We will do our best to dispel the myths and get the facts, from anchor buoy to yawl. Get the real answer to even the toughest questions with a timely and accurate reply. Please help in getting the word out to all Vessel Examiner (VE) by sharing this information with your teams. Additionally, please encourage your teams to check out the rest of the V-Directorate web site. The key to becoming a great VE is all in the training and the web site offers valuable information and tools.

Perry Taylor

DVC-VE

-**"Interim Guidance for completion of Form ANSC 7012 - Vessel Safety Check (VSC)"**

"A rule making effort is currently underway to revise the domestic regulations of 33 CFR 151 (APPS) to accurately reflect U.S. requirements under a revised MARPOL Annex V. The international MARPOL requirements go into effect on 1 January 2013, but domestic rule making will not be ready by that time. This rule making has been delayed probably to April 2013. A draft interim rule is changing the placarding requirements for domestic vessels even down to the placard size specifications (increased from 36 square inches to 40 square inches as minimum size). After 1 January 2013, and until the domestic rules are published and new placards are available, it will not be possible for vessels 26 feet and over to comply with the MARPOL Trash Placard requirement found as Item 11 on Form ANSC 7012.

Due to this inability for vessels 26 feet and over to comply with Item 11, Vessel Examiners are hereby instructed to consider Item 11 on Form ANSC 7012 as "N/A" for

all vessels for the Calendar Year 2013, or until otherwise directed. Vessels otherwise satisfying all VSC decal requirements may be awarded the decal during Calendar Year 2013. This should give ample time for the domestic rules to be developed and published in the Federal Register and for new compliant placards to be developed, produced, and distributed throughout the Recreational Boating community. As funding becomes available, the Coast Guard may procure and distribute updated MARPOL decals for distribution via ANSC. This interim guidance for the VE program will be amended/superseded as new placards become available through commercial sources of supply or other means.

This interim guidance is not intended to encourage Vessel Examiners to totally ignore Item 11 on Form ANSC 7012 while conducting Vessel Safety Checks in 2013.

Throughout 2013 Vessel Examiners and other members having contact with the recreational boating community will have an excellent opportunity to carry on instructional conversations about the new MARPOL placard requirements that are being developed to heighten awareness of recreational boaters about the need to understand and comply with the MARPOL requirements and to alert them to be aware that they need to procure and install new placards as soon as they become available. In the long run such conversations may enhance the effectiveness of the teaching opportunities available during the conduct of Vessel Safety Checks."

Thomas C. Mallison

National Commodore

12/19/2012

### **District News**

-West Marine coupons printed on both sides will be available at the D/Train sign-in desk.

**-ADSO-VE position Available-** The ideal candidate needs to be an active examiner, possess a thorough knowledge of the VSC program, have at least prior FSO-VE experience, SO-VE experience would be preferred. The position requires that you assist in promoting the District **Vessel Safety Check** program under the direct supervision of the DSO-VE. The ideal candidate needs to have reasonable computer skills and be able to respond to emails. For the right candidate, this position could lead into the DSO-VE position. For more information, please contact me ASAP at: [sumfun@juno.com](mailto:sumfun@juno.com)

I look forward to seeing everyone at D/Train and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or issues!

**Let's work together for our safety and the safety of others by setting an example and wear our lifejacket while performing VSC's especially when working around docks and when climbing aboard large vessels!**

